

Village of Waynesville
Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
February 12, 2024

Location of Meeting: Village Hall – 200 E 2nd St., Waynesville, IL 61778

Regular Meeting called to Order by Mayor Paul Wiggins at 6:01pm

Roll Call: A Quorum of the Village Board was present during the following roll call of Trustees taken by the Village Clerk:

Attendees	Present	Absent
Mayor – Paul Wiggins	X	
Trustee - Bristow	X	
Trustee - Lowery	X	
Trustee - Settles	X	
Trustee - Brown		X
Trustee - Cummings	X	
Trustee - Shaffer		X

Village Maintenance Man Randy Furman, Treasurer Tabitha Miller and Village Clerk Holly Murphy were also present. Visitors Andy Walsh and Shane Niedzwecki were in attendance.

The **Minutes of January** meeting were reviewed by the Board. Cummings motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Settles seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye all. Motion carried.

The **Unpaid Bills report for February** was reviewed by the Board. Cummings motioned to approve the report as presented. Bristow seconded. Roll Call: Aye all. Motion carried.

The **Balance Sheet for January** was reviewed by the Board. Bristow motioned to approve. Settles Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye all. Motion carried.

The **Profit & Loss Statements for January** were reviewed by the Board. Some discrepancies were found, so the report was tabled to be reviewed again at a later date.

Ordinances- Health & Safety – Settles

- The letter regarding the recent loose dog issues was sent to all Waynesville residents.
- Holly talked with Nicole from DeWitt County Animal Control regarding the recent dog issues. Animal Control was called to Waynesville 3 times for 2 dog bites and one loose dog. The first incident took place at the James Baird residence, where a jogger was running at night and was bitten by a dog. A bite report was filed, however the bite victim was unclear as to which of the Bairds' dogs bit him. The other two incidents took place at the Ben Boitnott/Amy Sellner residence. In the first, someone walking by was bitten by their dog that ran out of the yard. Animal Control was called, but a bite report was not filed. The second instance involved a walker being chased by the dog when she was

going past their property. Nicole stated that both the Baird and the Sellner/Boitnott families are complying with ongoing accountability measures imposed by Animal Control. Animal Control will be in continued touch with both families, and will keep the Village apprised of any issues that arise.

- Paul and Holly met with attorney Steve Sarm to discuss the ordinance violations. Mr. Sarm is going to draft a letter that will go to all Waynesville residents, informing them that the Village is now being represented by Taylor and Lynch, and that steps will be taken to ensure that Ordinances are being followed. The first two properties being focused on are Sellner/Boitnott and April Rich.

Water – Shaffer

- Steve Westerfield has been working on some scale and excess chlorine issues at the water plant.

Sewer – Brown

- January meter readings will be estimated, so no High Usage Analysis is available.
- The board discussed making an addition to the sewer ordinance, stating that if a resident or property owner builds a structure, or plants trees or shrubs over a leach field or septic tank, they assume responsibility of the septic maintenance. Lowery motioned to add this wording to the sewer ordinance. Settles seconded. Roll call: Aye all. Motion carried.
- Chester Walker did not attend to address his concerns with the board.
- Shane Niedzweckis from Farnsworth Group presented information regarding the help their company can give regarding a new septic system for the town. First, they would do a preliminary study, and then a planning study. They would gather the alternative options and then put together a cost estimate for each. In addition, they would help the Village obtain funding; there are loan programs as well as grants. It's a long process. Shane is going to put together a proposal including costs that the board can review.
- There have been many calls from residents with backed up septic issues as a result of the recent cold weather. Randy has been to Debbie Ballenger's, Chet Walker's, Ronnie Peifer's, and Jill Burden's.

Streets & Alleys – Lowery

- There has been a complaint about the pine trees at Brie Hoepner's residence. They are blocking the alley and the garbage trucks are unable to go down them. Beth Craig also has 2 or 3 trees that need to be removed. It is unclear whether these trees are her responsibility or that of the Village.
- Randy did some work at the alley and ditch by Tony West's home.
- Phil and Patty Miller are having some flooding in their ditch. Randy will take a look at it.

Finance – Bristow & Cummings

- The backhoe payment is due in March. Jamie and Bryson will work with Tabby on dispersing funds to make that payment.

Miscellaneous – Wiggins

- Andy Walsh, assistant superintendent of the Olympia School District, came to discuss the tax referendum that will be on the ballot in March. Mr. Walsh presented information that shows that the school is not asking for a tax increase. They are simply asking for the budget to be split in a different way. It is a tax swap. If the referendum passes, the budgets for Education and for Operating and Maintenance would increase while the budgets for the other areas would decrease. This will enable the school to be more competitive with salaries, do necessary repairs on the pool to keep it operating, add an Agriculture/STEM learning facility at the MS/HS, and do important maintenance and repairs in the elementary school buildings. If these are not passed, new spaces will not be built, the pool will be closed, and maintenance projects will be significantly delayed. In addition, the district will continue to struggle to employ all the necessary staff to meet the needs of the students.
- The paperwork for the Blake Wahls property is complete. Blake will need to reimburse the Village for the attorney fees before the paperwork will be filed with the county.
- All elected officials must take the OMA and FOIA trainings for the State of Illinois. Any board member who has not taken the training at least once will need to do that asap.
- The Village Clean-Up Day will take place in June. An exact date will be announced.
- The American Legion, along with the Women's Club and the Women's Auxiliary are planning to build an open pavilion just west of the Legion for bands and other events. We will need to find out officially how far the property extends between the Town Building and the Legion.

With no further discussion, Bristow motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cummings Seconded the motion. Roll Call. Aye all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Holly Murphy
Village Clerk